

COMMUNITY SUPPORT 2006

Over the year, the BS&T Group, through the Parent company and its Subsidiaries, maintained its mandate of being a good corporate citizen as it was instrumental in providing support to a number of worthy national and community-based organisations and initiatives.

A major contribution of \$100,000, which was the remaining installment of a three-year commitment, was made to the University of the West Indies in May. In addition, through the BS&T Charitable Foundation, the company concluded scholarship support to the BS&T/UWI Scholarship winners, Jared Wright and Tonya Hinds for a two-year period. Both graduates are now receiving valuable work experience as Executive Trainees within the Group.

The arrangement between BS&T and the Barbados Community Foundation, which allows BS&T to channel funds through that Foundation for donor directed initiatives, has seen financial aid being provided to such organizations as the Heart Foundation of Barbados, PAREDOS, the Chronic Disease Research Centre, Verdun House and the Challenor School of Creative Arts, which also received building materials from Dacosta Mannings for its Adult Training programme.

With annual covenants being provided to some 20 charities, the BS&T Charitable Foundation has paid out significant contributions to the Barbados Youth Business Trust, The Salvation Army, and Verdun House as well as the Kiwanis Club of Barbados to assist in its Silver Dollars for Children initiative. Roberts Manufacturing boosted this support to charities with over \$26,000 being donated to a number of other not-for-profit organizations.

As a sign of its commitment to the development of small business in Barbados, BS&T sponsored the Corporate Social Responsibility Award for the inaugural National Small Business Awards function held during the year. Moreover, the company contributed to organizations concerned with professional and personal development by providing support to the annual conference of the Human Resources Management Association of Barbados as well as to the Area Council of Toastmasters Spring Convention.

Together with subsidiaries, Dacosta Mannings Inc. and Super Centre Limited, BS&T continued its support of the country's premier festival, Crop Over. Super Centre joined BS&T as title sponsor of "Pan

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Pun de Sand", the steel pan extravaganza of Crop Over Festival. Super Centre, for the first time, was also the signature sponsor of Crop Over "Read-in", the literary arts aspect of the Festival. On the other hand, Dacosta Mannings, as a Festival Sponsor, provided in-kind sponsorship to the National Cultural Foundation as well as supported the King and Queen of the Festival.

Two other subsidiaries also joined in the spirit of Crop Over. Roberts Manufacturing, was the main sponsor of Fore Day Morning and provided a truck for Kadooment Day as well as continued its assistance to Crop Over artiste, Carolyn "Tassa" Forde, while SBI Distribution Inc, gave its support by sponsoring Baje International Crop Over Band, and Betty West Junior Kadooment Band. Roberts Manufacturing also continued its assistance to the Richard Stoute Teen Talent, while BS&T gave additional aid for hosting the competition, which is in its 30th year.

In this the 40th year of Independence, BS&T, along with Dacosta Mannings Inc. and Super Centre, sponsored the Community Independence Parish Talent Zonal Show, with Dacosta Mannings, BS&T, and Super Centre sponsoring the Northern, Central, and Southern zonal shows respectively. The three also sponsored the talent prizes at the Spirit of the Nation Show for Most Dramatic, Most Impactful, and Best Overall acts.

Additionally, Dacosta Mannings also provided considerable sponsorship to the Inaugural Barbados Music Awards.

United Insurance continues to take the lead in the Group's sporting endeavours with sponsorship of the United Insurance Derby, the Barbados Chess Federation Inter-School competition, the National Sports Council Under 19 Schools' Basketball and Barbados Bridge League. Roberts Manufacturing also contributed significantly to horse racing through the Creole Classic and offered support to the Amateur Athletics Association Junior Championship, as did SBI Distribution.

SBI Distribution also further participated in the Group's efforts to support sports. For the financial year under review, SBI has provided backing to the Ambi Toners Volleyball Team, the Barbados Cricket League, The Spring Garden Mile Race, the Surfside Wellness Walk for Life, Mahaica Night Cricket

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Competition, St. Peter Festival 10K Road Race, The Lodge School, and Coleridge & Parry Under-15 cricket teams as well as the Junior Chess Federation overseas tour.

Sporting associations such as the Barbados Swimming Association, Barbados Thoroughbred Breeders Association, the Barbados Squash Association, and the Barbados Blind Cricket Association benefited from the kind sponsorship provided by the BS&T Group.

Super Centre also made major contributions to sports in two areas through its longstanding relationship with Spartan Cricket Club and the sponsorship of the Junior Volleyball/Netball Championships. Beyond the sports, Super Centre was the platinum sponsor of the Gold Cup Festival, the Hometown Festival's Dog Show, Oistins Fish Festival, the Barbados Fitness Pageant, and the Auntie Olga Ship Inn Fun Run.

Product donations from such subsidiaries as SBI Distribution, Dacosta Mannings, Super Centre and Roberts Manufacturing represented a notable portion of the Group's goodwill efforts. For the year, Dacosta Mannings assisted with close to \$80, 000 in product donations to various fundraising activities, with Super Centre donating \$66,000 worth, SBI Distribution contributing a further \$26,000 and Roberts Manufacturing providing another \$20,000, to sports and social clubs, schools, churches, and other deserving organizations.

Companies, such as, United Insurance, Booth Steamship Company, Seawell Air Services, S.P. Musson Son & Company, and Agro Chemicals Inc., also offered monetary contributions throughout the year to several worthy causes.